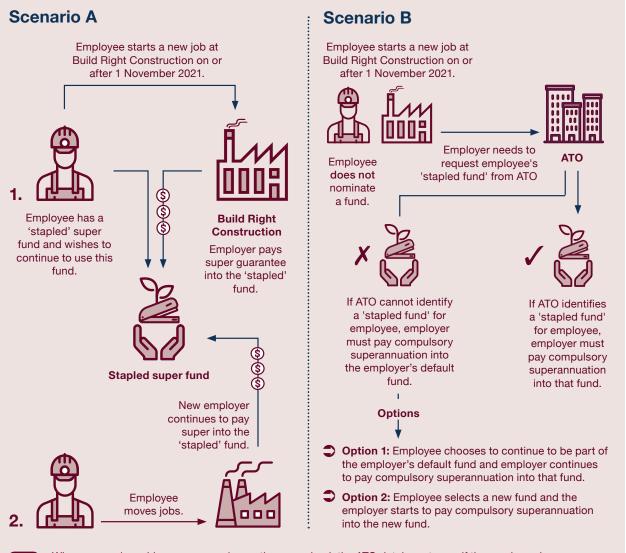


Stapling super: Reducing multiple accounts for employees

ew legislation will ensure that when an employee moves jobs, the super fund they used with their former employer will be 'stapled' and will automatically follow them.

Under current rules, if an employee changes jobs multiple times over their working life and does not nominate a superannuation fund to their employer, they could end up with multiple superannuation accounts, each charging their own fees and insurance premiums. To prevent this from happening and to stop unintended accounts being created for employees, including for short-term jobs, the Your Future, Your Super legislation will require that a person's super is 'stapled' to them (unless they actively choose to change funds) as they progress their employment.

The changes will apply to employees starting a new job from 1 November 2021. ■



When an employer hires a new employee, they can check the ATO database to see if the employee has a super fund if they have not already nominated that they do. If they do have an existing fund, the employer must pay into that fund unless the employee actively chooses another fund.